



# Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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## **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND AVOID DUI CAMPAIGN – FINAL REPORT**

### ***159 DUI Arrests Reported for Independence Day Holiday DUI Crackdown***

#### ***DUI Arrests Down & DUI Fatalities Up***

The Independence Day Weekend Anti DUI crackdown has concluded with the deployment of two sobriety checkpoints and thirteen special DUI saturation patrols in Riverside County.

From 12:01 AM, Thursday, July 3, 2014, through midnight, Sunday, July 6, 2014, officers representing thirty Riverside County law enforcement agencies arrested **159** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Last year, the holiday was a five day campaign period which does not match the four day crackdown ending Sunday night. Tragically, there was a death attributed to a drunk driver in our area. Last year there were no DUI deaths reported. (\*\*NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report\*\*)

Law enforcement officials will be conducting its next major Avoid DUI Campaign throughout the county and region during the 18 Day Summer Campaign in August ending Labor Day weekend.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to watch and report impaired drivers each and every trip around town or during summer vacations: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1! Any time motorists encounter that dangerous driver. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**MEDIA NOTE:** Avoid programs, named for the number of police agencies in each county, will be conducting other enforcement efforts during special events with identified DUI problems. In recognition that the summer season is among the deadliest time of the year, law enforcement agencies throughout Riverside County will be making every effort to arrest drunk drivers before another life is lost.



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